



AUGUST - 2023

TRESTLEBOARD

Ashland Lodge No. 168

Message from East

WOR. GREGORY W. SIX

Greetings from the East!!!

Brethren and friends, we are gearing up for a busy week. We have our first National Night Out event at the lodge Tuesday night August 1 from 6PM to 8PM. The lodge will supply hamburgers, hotdogs, and water, and those attending should bring a side or dessert. We look forward to seeing everyone there Tuesday night.

Thursday August 3 at 7:00PM, we have a Fellowcraft Degree scheduled for Brother James Rodney Smith. Please come out to support him as he continues his journey in Freemasonry.

We are over half-way through this masonic year and almost finished with our ten community acts of kindness. Last month, Brother Tribble and I delivered over \$500 worth of toiletry and non-perishable food items to the Fisher House in Richmond. Brother Wayne Walker, who runs the Fisher House, was most appreciative for the donation. Thank you to all those who donated supplies to the cause.

We've done a lot this masonic year to increase the footprint of Ashland Masonic Lodge within the Ashland community. Everywhere I go when people know I'm affiliated with Ashland Lodge, I hear how people are proud of the job we are doing. That is a representation of EVERYONE in the lodge, not just a few individuals. It takes a lot to keep a lodge running and I appreciate all of your efforts this year.

As we wind down these next few weeks of summer, please be sure you all spend time with your families and make a few new memories. Keep those in your prayers who are struggling or are receiving medical care. The lodge is here to support you with whatever you need, just reach out to any line officer for assistance.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and we'll see you all soon.

Upcoming Events

Fellowcraft Degree
AUGUST 3, 7:00PM

Lodge Practice
AUGUST 10, 6:30PM

Stated Meeting
AUGUST 17 @ 7PM
SOCIAL HOUR @ 5:30PM
MEAL @ 6PM

District Ritual Class
Fredericksburg, VA
AUGUST 22, 7:00PM

Lodge Practice
AUGUST 24, 6:30PM

Lodge Practice
AUGUST 31, 6:30PM



Masonic Myths

([HTTPS://JLL1.ORG/LODGE/INDEX.PHP/2021/06/10/MASONIC-MYTHS/](https://jll1.org/loodge/index.php/2021/06/10/masonic-myths/))

The Freemasons are invitation only.

FALSE – Well mostly false... In the United States and most other jurisdictions, invitations to join are never issued by anyone ever. If you want to join you must ask. In a few parts of the world, particularly where masonry is subject to persecution from hostile regimes, it is indeed invite-only. That being said, there is much more to joining than simply filling out an application. Just as anyone can apply (in most jurisdictions), anyone can also object thus forbidding your application. To get local information on masonry in your area click [here](#)

Freemasonry is a religion.

FALSE – Freemasonry is NOT a religion. You may often see the word lodge and temple interchanged when referencing masonic lodges/temples. In this context, the word “temple” simply means a place where meetings are held. It carries no religious connotation. The Fraternity of Freemasons is no more a religion than the Boy Scouts, Kappa Sigma, or the Rotary Club.

The Freemasons can help me get my life going in the right direction.

FALSE – Freemasonry is not a twelve-step program. It is not intended to elevate you socially, professionally or economically. If things are not going well in your life, you must sort that out yourself before looking any further into the fraternity.

Becoming a Freemason will help my military career and get me perks.

FALSE – Sure, if you lived in the eighteenth century you would have had a pretty good ride in the military as a Freemason. Not now though and definitely not in today’s military. These days you will more likely be held to an even higher standard as becoming a Freemason does not entitle you to special privileges but it does require you to set an example of excellence for others to follow.

I need to be wealthy and powerful to become a Freemason.

FALSE – The fraternity is uninfluenced by wealth, power, color, or creed. However, you should earn an honest living, take pride in what you do, and perform it to the best of your ability.

Masonic Birthdays

BRO. JOHN OVERTON HARRIS
AUGUST 6

BRO. GERALD E. STONE
AUGUST 9

BRO. JAMES DONALD EVANS
AUGUST 12

BRO. GERALD STEPHEN WITT
AUGUST 16

BRO. RONALD LEE HOLT
AUGUST 23

WOR. ROBERT LEROY MCINTIRE, III
AUGUST 26

WOR. WILLIAMS TATE MARSHBURN, JR.
AUGUST 27

BRO. MATTHEW JAMES STANDRING
AUGUST 28

BRO. ROBERT ALLEN DAVIDSON
AUGUST 29

BRO. ROBERT BARRETT LAINE
AUGUST 29

RW SAMUEL. FRANK STONE, SR.
AUGUST 29

BRO. AMOS CEPHAS JOHNSON
AUGUST 30



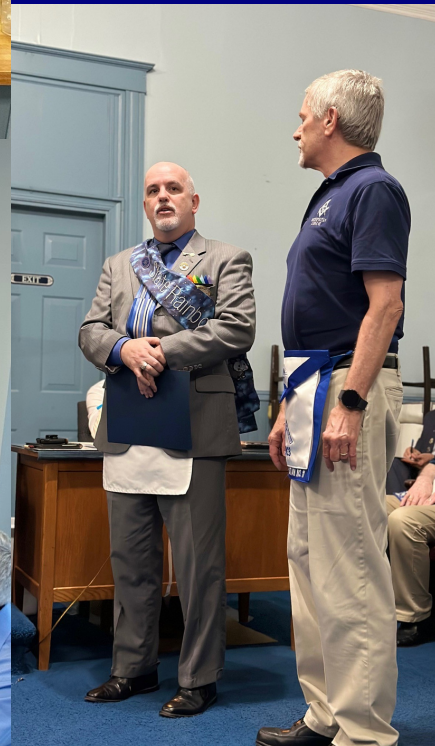
Highlights from last month



Did we miss something?

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Living Past Masters

1964- C.M. Reece	1992- W.T. Marshburn, Jr.	2013- L.T. Hall, III
1976- D.M. Pearson, Jr.	1994- S.F. Stone, Sr.	2014- A.M. Boor
1976- J.L. Harris	1998- D.F. Lyons	2015- J.U. Harrison
1980- D.M. Boor	1999- J.S. Napier	2016(17)- R.R. Seitz
1981- W.B. Howard	2004- A.L. Christiansen, Jr.	2018- R.L. McIntire
1987- W.T. Cage	2007- J.M. Puryear, Jr.	2019- G.C. Duvall
1988- E.E. Fisher	2010- M.P. Coyle	2020(21)- G.C. Corker
1989(90)- A.S. Peyton	2011- M.S. Ball	2022- J.M. Parrish

Past District Deputy Grand Masters

1960- RW M.B. Young	2001- RW E.E. Fisher
1969- RW J.D. Nelson	2005- RW L.J. Sloppy (1B)
1975- RW D.M. Pearson, Jr.	2007- RW J.L. Harris
1976- RW R.L. Gibbs (15C)	2013- RW L.S. Ball
1982- MW A.W. Adkins	2019- RW D.M. Boor
1995- RW S.F. Stone, Sr.	

Life Members in Perpetuity

1996- C.H. Burnette	2005- J.M. Puryear, Jr.
1996- W.T. Cage	2011- K.G. Sands
1995- S.F. Stone, Sr.	2012- J.M. Parrish
1996- A.L. Traylor, Jr.	2012- R.R. Seitz
1997- E.F. Fisher	2016- M.P. Coyle
1998- D.F. Lyons	2016- J.C. Perry
2000- J.C. Beck	2016- L.T. Hall, III
2002- J. L. Nuckols, Sr.	2017- D.A. Emerson
2004- R.C. Nuckols	2018- J.U. Harrison

Trustees

R.W. Johnnie Lowel Harris
 Wor. Robert Leroy McIntire, III
 Bro. R. Allen Davidson

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Upcoming District 8 Events

- Fredericksburg # 4 Stated August 11 @ 7:30PM
- Kilwinning-Crosse #2237 Stated August 14 @ 7:30PM
- Hudson-Morris #80 Stated August 8 @ 7:30PM
- Ashland #168 Stated August 17 @ 7:00PM
- Edward H. Cann Daylight Stated August 23 @ 11:00AM
- Stafford # 279 Stated August 24 @ 7:30PM
- Spotsylvania #26 Stated August 28 @ 7:00PM
- District 8 DDGM: R.W. Daniel Wilson Thompson
- ***DISTRICT 15 MASTERS & WARDENS***
- Saturday August 19 @ Tuckahoe Lodge
- Breakfast served @ 8AM, M&W Meeting @ 8:45AM

Upcoming Grand Lodge Events

- August 4 GMOV District 21
- August 11 GMOV District 25
- August 11-12 Reid James Simmons Academy of Ritual Instruction
- August 12 GMOV District 4
- August 18 GMOV Districts 47 & 49
- August 19 GMOV District 44
- August 25 GMOV Districts 48 & 50
- August 26 GMOV District 45

Grandmaster of Virginia: MW Donald Ellis Strehle

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